Examiner will note that the "third slit" and the "fourth slit" is already mentioned in the remaining body of the claim, at both step (c) and (d).

- 9. (Amended) A method of bending a sheet, comprising:
  - (a) simultaneously cutting first and second slits along a first side of said sheet;
  - (b) after step (a), simultaneously cutting <u>first-third</u> and <u>second-fourth</u> slits along a second side of said sheet;
  - (c) folding said sheet along a line passing from said first slit to said third slit; and
  - (d) folding said sheet along a line passing from said second slit to said fourth slit.

## FINAL REMARKS

The Applicant notes that this application experienced unusual delay by virtue of a communication error as between the Applicant's counsel and the Patent Office. Quick action is respectfully requested, and to the extent that the Applicant can be of assistance or in the event the Examiner has any questions regarding the above, he is respectfully requested to telephone or e-mail the undersigned attorney of record at the contact information listed below:

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